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Newborn found dead near homes

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The body of a newborn baby was found stuffed inside a plastic bag between two homes in a residential East Vancouver neighbourhood Thursday.

Police are treating the death as suspicious and an autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

Police Const. Jana McGuinness called the discovery "sad" and "shocking" and is appealing to the baby's mother to contact authorities.

"We want to ensure her health and well-being is monitored and that she is receiving the care she needs."

Police received a call at 11:20 a.m. from a resident in the 2500 block of Charles Street.

"(The caller) had found a bag between the houses and thought they saw a figure inside," McGuinness said.

Police arrived and cordoned off the area, and confirmed that a dead baby was inside the bag.

McGuinness said it's too early to say how and when the baby died, and what its gender and ethnicity was.

> **"I would assume (this was) some young kid in trouble and not knowing what to do."**
> Jennifer Willoughby

Myles Constable, who lives nearby, said the neighbourhood is safe and the residents are friendly.

"This is a family neighbourhood," Constable said, adding that he would be surprised if the infant belonged to someone in the area.

"I don't know why somebody would dump a body in their own neighbourhood," he said.

Jennifer Willoughby, who lives down the street, called the discovery disturbing.

"It's a quiet, normal (street)," she said. "I would assume (this was) some young kid in trouble and not knowing what to do."

Investigators have interviewed two witnesses and are asking for anyone with information to contact police.

Photo-op becomes photo-oops

ENGLAND Prime Minister Stephen Harper's carefully cultivated image with the international media took a bit of a flushing Thursday.

Harper

Harper became the talk of the G20 summit when he missed the official group summit photo.

The verdict in the British press? Harper was in the bathroom.

An aide later said Harper was in a briefing with Canadian officials.

In London, G20 officials decided to reshoot the group photo so Harper could be included.

This time, Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono were absent.

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Dance Arassay

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Surrey resident Arassay Reyes, one of the Top 8 finalists last year in So You Think You Can Dance Canada, will be at Saturday's auditions in Vancouver. Dancers hoping to make it for the show's second season should show up early at the Centre for Performing Arts. Arassay's tips, pg 4

Tasering of senior OK: Watchdog

REPORT Mounties were justified in Tasering an elderly knife-wielding hospital patient in Kamloops, said RCMP watchdog Paul Kennedy.

Frank Lasser, 82, was Tasered at Royal Inland Hospital when he turned toward an RCMP officer with a knife raised above his head.

"Throughout this incident, Mr. Lasser's behaviour could reasonably be described as posing a threat of grievous bodily harm or death," said Kennedy, chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP.

Kennedy said the police response was "reasonable and justified." He said statements gathered during his investigation were largely consistent, with the exception of Lasser's recollection of events.

Kennedy said Lasser's memory was admittedly poor and likely impacted by his medication and the fact that he was not receiving oxygen.

Early on May 3, 2008, a nurse entered his room and found him with a knife, which he waved about. Several attempts were made to disarm the man.

The Taser was fired as a last resort by the Mountie who feared for the safety of his partner, Kennedy said.

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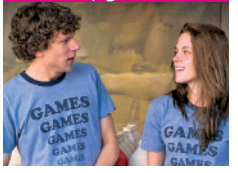

Coming of age: Adventureland

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Province orders more police cameras
B.C. is spending $1.8 million to triple the number of in-car police cameras. B.C. solicitor general John van Dongen said the cameras will be used to to back more impaired and dangerous driving charges with indisputable evidence. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Local

Fry targets digital bullies

Vancouver MP Hedy Fry, left, wants to amend the Criminal Code to target children and teenagers who use mobile phones and the Internet to bully others. Currently, the code makes harassment, libel and spreading false messages criminal offences but isn't explicit on how that applies to electronic messaging. CBC.CA/BC

Man upgraded to stable condition

Woman who allegedly shot Gibsons manager faces three counts of attempted murder

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A Gibsons, B.C., man, who was shot while trying to evict a woman from her care-home room, was upgraded Thursday to stable from serious condition.

Kenn Perrier, 47, a manager at the Good Samaritan Christenson Village, was shot once Tuesday. The bullet passed through his arm and entered his side.

His alleged shooter, Linda Lorraine Howe, 40, who was shot by police in turn, faces 10 charges, including three counts of attempted murder.

Perrier's brother-in-law, Jeff Lee, described Perrier as a loving husband and father of three, who were all devastated by the shooting.

"He's a very strong, capable man," Lee said. "He's a gentle soul."

Perrier

Lee said Perrier faced a long road to recovery, but was conscious and had spoken with family members.

"The family is understandably shocked and traumatized by this incident," Lee said.

"His wife, his mother and sisters have gathered in Vancouver to be at his side and to assist him in whatever way they can as he recovers."

The incident began Tuesday when Perrier and three employees of the care home entered Howe's room to move her to another facility.

Howe and Perrier were both airlifted to Vancouver hospitals following the shootings.

News in brief

INVESTIGATION Two Vancouver police detectives are headed to Calgary after police in that city arrested a man who is a suspect in a double homicide here last month. The victims were a 19-year-old Vancouver resident and his half-brother.

ARREST A 91-year-old man in Burnaby said he is thankful that police have finally made an arrest in connection with multiple break-ins at his house. Douglas Stefan is charged with robbing the same house three times.

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What's online today.

Blogs Style columnist Kenya Hunt features a best-dressed list as chosen by Kate Moss.

Woodward's opens its doors

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HOMES How do you top a massive housing development that has been hailed as a "model of inclusivity" and leading a "rebirth of the Downtown Eastside?"

How about a W-shaped hot tub?

The tub, unfinished and wrapped in a heavy clear plastic on Thursday, sits atop the 43-storey residential W-tower of Vancouver's Woodward's development.

"I'm looking forward to visiting my friends at the Woodward's building to check out that hot tub," said Mayor Gregor Robertson, following a preview of the development.

The open communal roof, or Club W, features a rock-climbing wall, a gym, a kitchen, a barbecue and a TV room set against unobstructed views of the city, Burrard Inlet and the North Shore Mountains.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

A tour guide leads a group of journalists to the roof of the Woodward's development W-tower in Vancouver Thursday.

The Woodward's development, which began with the city's purchase of the old department store in 2003 (following high-profile homeless squats in the building), features 536 market housing units and 200 non-market units.

The development will house Simon Fraser University's School for the Contemporary Arts, office space, gardens, an outdoor plaza, a daycare, a bank, a London Drugs and a grocery store.

Architect Gregory Henriquez called the $3.3-million development "one of the most complex mixed-use projects in the history of North America."

Officers' Tasers fail test, solicitor general says

LAW ENFORCEMENT About 10 per cent of Tasers used by B.C. police and corrections officers failed a test conducted by an independent laboratory, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General announced on Thursday.

Eight out of 82 model X26 Tasers tested failed and must be destroyed, or repaired and retested, before going back into service.

Of the models that failed, seven produced a pulse rate that was too weak. The other was described as having failed "due to a combination of factors" in a news release by the B.C. government. No further details were given.

The 10 per cent failure rate is consistent with test results in other jurisdictions. It cost $36,000 to test the devices. **METRO VANCOUVER**

Let other students use U-Pass too: Meggs

TRANSIT Vancouver Coun. Geoff Meggs wants TransLink's U-Pass program extended to all post-secondary students.

In a motion that appears before Vancouver's city council next week, Meggs wants a single price for all students, regardless of the institution.

Currently, students at smaller institutions like Emily Carr and VCC would pay five times as much as students at the University of B.C. and SFU.

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Auditions taking place in five Canadian cities
After making its first stop in Vancouver on Saturday, auditions for So You Think You Can Dance Canada will head to Edmonton, Saint John, N.B., Toronto and Montreal. They wrap up on May 26. METRO VANCOUVER

Embracing your passion

Reality show helped open doors for Surrey dancer

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The last time the So You Think You Can Dance audition tour stopped in Vancouver, Arassay Reyes was a nervous contestant from Surrey with vague hopes of passing the first round.

This time around, she'll be a guest judge and choreographer on the show's second season, is getting paid as a dancer, teacher and choreographer, and walked the red carpet at the Juno Awards last week.

"I never thought the show would be as big as it was," said Reyes, who beat out hundreds of other hopefuls last year and made it to the top eight on the show. "The experience really opened a door (for my career)."

Reyes said she wasn't prepared for how much work would be required of the dancers, who had to learn a new routine every week, but added that the challenge of dancing new styles was a boost to her confidence.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Cuban-born dancer Arassay Reyes, a finalist from last season's So You Think You Can Dance Canada, at Havana Restaurant in Vancouver on Thursday.

Auditions

- Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the Centre For Performing Arts, 777 Homer St.
- Contestants must be between 19 and 30 years old.
- For more information visit ctv.ca/mini/dance2008/Audition

The biggest boost was being told by the judges, after a particularly moving dance, that she was the reason little girls want to dance.

"I have been doing this for my life and it's my passion," Reyes said. "And I thought, people don't try (things) because they are afraid."

She said that realizing she was an inspiration to others validated all the years she put into dancing and negated all the doubts she had in her self.

"I wanted to prove to me and the audience that I could do it," she said.

Show the rest of Canada your dancing moves

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AUDITIONS Got moves? Well, warm up your jazz hands and grab your dancing shoes because So You Think You Can Dance Canada is returning to Vancouver. Auditions for the second season start Saturday at the Centre For Performing Arts before heading east across the country.

Jean Marc Genereux

Jean Marc Genereux, who is back as a judge, said Vancouver seems to have a lot of trained dancers, while Calgary produced a lot of ballroom dancers.

"It's kind of interesting to see some cities have more of one style and less of another," he said.

"We are a country with so much talent. And people don't go to the ballet anymore, so we've brought dancing back to peoples' homes."

Leah Miller, who is also returning as the show's host, said she was blown away by how talented and humble last year's competitors were.

"The dancers don't get days off. They dance sometimes 14 hours a day," she said. "They're dedicated."

Audition tips

Jean Marc Genereux:
- Prepare to dance to more than one piece of music in case there are technical problems with the stereo system.
- Wear something comfortable and something that represents who you are, not something you want to be.
- Make sure you make good use of the lights and the stage.
- Load up your positive energy.

Arassay Reyes:
- You have to prove that you're passionate, that this is something you want to do and that you take it seriously, because the judges will know otherwise.
- Close your eyes, don't think of the people watching you and dance with your heart.

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International broadcast centre for 2010 Olympics
The new Vancouver Convention Centre expansion building opens on Friday afternoon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. METRO VANCOUVER

Cyclists seek to put ocean junk on map

GARBAGE A group of researchers are bike riding from the Vancouver Aquarium to Tijuana in Mexico to raise awareness about a floating island of garbage in the Pacific Ocean.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a swirling vortex of plastic soup in the central North Pacific Ocean. Researchers estimate its size is almost three times larger than Quebec, with about 80 per cent of the garbage coming from land sources. Aquatic wildlife often mistake the litter for food with fatal consequences.

Members of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation depart Vancouver on Saturday at noon for JUNKride 2009.

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News in brief

LOCKUP The Petcetera store at Rupert and Grandview was locked up by its landlord on Thursday after a dispute over rent, news1130.com reports. Staff were allowed inside to care for the animals.

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SAM SMITH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

A protester dressed as a bloody baby seal in front of the Olympic Countdown Clock on Thursday.

PETA, Inuit elder differ on seal hunt

SAM SMITH
for Metro Vancouver

PETA members dressed as bloodied baby seals gathered in front of the Olympic Countdown Clock on Thursday in protest of the annual Canadian seal hunt.

The group collided with Anaogok Alakee, an Inuit elder from Nunavut, who said the seal hunt isn't about killing and selling; instead, it's a way of life for her and her people.

"We're protecting our own culture," Alakee said. "(PETA's) activity is killing a way of life."

However, PETA member Lou Kamenov said there's a distinction between the Inuit and commercial hunt.

"They burned 40,000 seal pelts last year in Norway because they couldn't sell any," Kamenov claimed. "How is that a way of life?"

PETA is attempting to use the Olympic spotlight to shame Canada into making the seal hunt illegal.

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Power flows through provinces
Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams is labelling "historic" an agreement to sell electricity directly through Quebec and into the North American power grid. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Broadcaster tearful in court

A Toronto broadcaster cried in a St. John's, N.L., courtroom Thursday as she appeared on charges related to an air rage incident aboard an Air Canada flight. Colleen Walsh, 48, who most recently hosted the architecture and history show Structures on Rogers TV, was visibly upset as she appeared in provincial court on charges of endangering the safety of an aircraft, unlawful obstruction and using obscene language. CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

LABOUR Ottawa should play a role in restructuring talks between AbitibiBowater and its lenders and help prevent the loss of up to 12,000 Canadian jobs, the company's main union said on Thursday. The Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada (CEP) accused the federal government of paying scant attention to the woes of the forestry sector.

COURTS A Hamilton jury was to deliberate Thursday in the murder trial of a man accused of endangering the lives of 11 women by recklessly exposing them to the virus that causes AIDS, CBC News Online reports. Seven became infected with HIV, two have since died of AIDS-related cancer and four tested negative. The first-degree murder charges make this case the first of its kind in Canada.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Worst is over: Harper

$40B planned for economy as G20 ends

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, sounding one of his cheeriest notes since the economic crisis began, said Thursday he believes the worst financial instability is over and that he expects to see more positive news in coming months.

The comments were notably upbeat, given that Harper has been warning for months that the economy would keep deteriorating amid rising joblessness and slumping production.

"The worst aspects of instability, I do believe, are behind us. Stability is different from recovery. We're seeing a significant degree of stability," he told reporters at the conclusion of this week's G20 summit in London.

"I'm optimistic that, as these measures kick in, as fiscal and economic measures kick in, we'll begin to see more positive news," he said.

The Canadian government plans to spend $40 billion over the next two years to kick-start the economy. REUTERS

DYLAN MARTINEZ/REUTERS

Prime Minster Stephen Harper speaks at a news conference after the G20 summit at the ExCel centre in east London.

'Deep concern' over proposed law: Officials

WOMEN'S RIGHTS Canadian officials called in Afghanistan's ambassador to express "deep concern" over a law that would make it illegal for Shiite women to refuse to have sex with their husbands.

Omar Samad, the Afghan ambassador in Ottawa, was summoned to the meeting Wednesday to hear Canadian fears that the law would "severely restrict the rights" of women.

"We have informed the Afghan government of the damaging effect that the law could have and we pointed out that across the country, Canadians are following the issue closely," the Foreign Affairs department said Thursday in a statement.

"Promoting and protecting human rights for all Afghans is a core element of Canada's engagement in Afghanistan. Afghans expect their government to promote and protect their human rights," it said.

Afghanistan's ambassador to Canada defended the progress made by women in his country after the meeting.

He said the Afghan government is examining the law and will have no comment for now.

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Backlash

- News of the law has sparked outcry on Parliament Hill and caused consternation among federal officials, who have defended Canada's Afghan mission on the grounds that it will bring new freedoms to Afghan women. The proposed law would allegedly forbid Shiite women from leaving their homes without permission of their husbands or gaining custody of their children.

Edmonton **Puppy rescue**

BEN LEMPHERS/FOR METRO CANADA

Two poodle-toy mixes in their new temporary home at the Edmonton Humane Society shelter. The animals were rescued with dozens of others from a for-profit breeding puppy mill house discovered in Edmonton.

Al-Jazeera seeks TV airwaves

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Italian man allegedly decapitated wife for online chatting

A man charged with slicing off his wife's head with a boxcutter told police on the island of Sicily he was jealous because she spent so much time sending messages on the Internet, Italian media reported Thursday. He allegedly told police he was convinced that his wife was cheating on him with an Internet lover. REUTERS

World

Wife ditches Mr. Clean

A German woman has divorced her husband because she was fed up with him cleaning all the time. German media reported the wife got through 15 years of marriage putting up with the man's penchant for doing household chores, tidying up and rearranging the furniture. But she ran out of patience when he knocked down and rebuilt a wall at their home when it got dirty, a judge said Thursday. REUTERS

G20 seals $1.1 trillion in aid

Measures expected to boost output by 4% by end of 2010

World leaders clinched a $1.1-trillion US deal Thursday to combat the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and said financial rules would be tightened to stop it happening again.

U.S. President Barack Obama declared it a "turning point" for the world economy, even though he had won no promises for more government spending to combat a deepening world recession.

G20 leaders from the top developed and emerging economies ticked off a raft of actions on politically sensitive topics at the summit in London, such as new rules on bonuses and imposing oversight on large hedge funds and on credit-rating agencies.

Much of the $1.1 trillion available through the International Monetary Fund and other institutions is likely to go to struggling poorer countries, notably in eastern Europe.

The G20 said the measures taken would raise world output by four per cent by the end of next year.

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MORE G20 COVERAGE, PG 9

RYAN MARTIN/FARE/REUTERS

U.S. President Barack Obama laughs with Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, centre, and Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev as they pose for a photo at the London G20 summit Thursday.

N. Korea could launch missile Saturday: U.S.

ARMS North Korea's missile preparations suggest Pyongyang could launch a satellite into space as early as Saturday, an American defence official said Thursday as the U.S. military monitored the situation.

At the United Nations, Japan's UN ambassador, Yukio Takasu, said his country would request an emergency meeting of the Security Council to discuss a possible response if North Korea launched the long-range missile in the coming days.

The United States and others have threatened North Korea with punishment if they launch the long-range missile.

Pyongyang has said it will send a satellite into orbit between April 4 and 8, but the United States, South Korea and Japan say the launch is a disguised test of the long-range Taepodong-2 missile, which is designed to carry a warhead to U.S. territory.

REUTERS

News in brief

BUDGET Both the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives on Thursday approved the fiscal 2010 budget plan, which is worth trillions of dollars.

PROTEST A few hundred protesters clashed with police in the French city of Strasbourg Thursday on the eve of a NATO summit.

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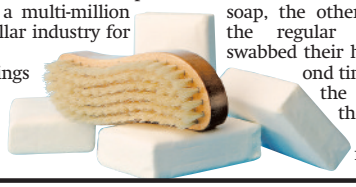
Washing away sin of creation

Marketplace

Ever noticed how there seems to be a product for everything — even stuff you didn't realize you needed? Five years ago, no one walked around with teeth so white they could glow in the dark. Today, "whitening toothpaste" is everywhere, along with "whitening strips," "laser bleaching" and numerous other products that promise to brighten those pearly not-so-whites.

And how about bottled water? The water's fine to drink out of almost every tap in Canada, but companies have convinced us we need to pay for it. That somehow, their product is better than a resource that's actually free! Creating a need and then offering up a product to meet that need is a money-grabber that's been around since the dawn of time. So at Marketplace, we call that marketing tactic "The Sin of Creation."

And nowhere has this marketing technique been used more than with cleansers — dishwashing liquids, shampoos, body scrubs, detergents and plain ol' soap. Now, all those products have morphed into a multi-million dollar industry for all things "antibacterial." Seems the old-fashioned cleansers — that are usually cheaper — are no longer good enough. But do you really need to spend money on new products that can cost more?



On the web

- Tips on how to avoid marketing ploys involving soap.

To find out, we put anti-bacterial soap to the test against plain old-fashioned soap. First, we tracked down some school children and swabbed their grimy hands. Then, half the kids washed with anti-bacterial soap, the other half with the regular soap. We swabbed their hands a second time and sent the samples to the lab.

Our test found no benefit to using anti-bacterial soap. That's no surprise to Rolf Halden, an environmental scientist at Johns Hopkins University. According to Halden, "there is very limited benefit, according to scientific studies."

And not only that, many health agencies are warning against using anti-bacterial products, because they could lead to dangerous bacterial resistance. But you won't see that listed on any label.

So next time you feel the sudden urge to buy a "new and improved" product, reflect a moment before you reach into your wallet. Maybe you can avoid becoming a target of "The Sin of Creation."

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

TransLink's service valuable, even with new tax

UrbanCompass

Whoa, dude, my taxes are going up!

Thanks to TransLink, the Metro Vancouver transportation authority that everyone loves to hate.

Of course, TransLink itself would disagree with that statement, and has the customer survey to prove it. It says 47 per cent of riders give the service a good-to-excellent rating and 83 per cent say they intend to keep taking TransLink. Of those, 65 per cent are "choice" riders and 35 per cent are "captive," but I imagine there are times at rush hour when everyone feels "captive," like sardines in hell.

Anyway, back to the taxes. TransLink's portion is going up 7.8 per cent or about $16 on a $600,000 home. You could argue, like the Canadian Taxpayers Federation does, that this is an unconscionable tax grab, and we should let the air out of TransLink's tires.

The critics cite all sorts of reasons why the TransLink board should have to walk home, but it doesn't help that the board is now appointed, not elected, meets in camera, and costs, according to the Federation, three-and-a-half times what it did in 2006. Of course, the tab is around $450,000, which is a spit in the annual bucket of $1 billion, but just the appearance of fiscal irresponsibility makes people crazy, especially these days, when their property is worth two-thirds (at best) of its former value, and they're afraid of losing their jobs (with good reason).

"The Federation's vague notion that TransLink should be subject to 'competition' is hardly helpful. What kind of competition? You mean the same people who run the taxi companies?"

It also doesn't help that TransLink has found a way to restore part of its wildly unpopular parking tax revenue that the Campbell government killed before the 2001 election in order to get itself elected, via an $18-million "replacement tax."

Still, the Federation's vague notion that TransLink should be subject to "competition" is hardly helpful. What kind of competition? You mean the same people who run the taxi companies?

Let's get real. TransLink is responsible for running not only the transit system, which includes SkyTrain, but also the major streets and roads throughout Metro. As anyone who lives here knows, there are 2,271,224 people trying to get from here to there and TransLink is responsible for getting us all there.

I'm all for TransLink's mission to get people out of their cars and onto the bus, their bikes, their feet. If we are serious about cleaner air and healthier people, we should see the extra $16 a year as an investment that will pay off, unlike all our other investments. And then we should get up and give a little old lady our seat on the bus.

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Worth mentioning

Small islands urge deep CO2 cuts, fear rising seas

ENVIRONMENT Small island states have sharpened their calls for the rich to make deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, saying low-lying atolls risk being washed off the map by rising ocean levels.

An alliance of 43 island states, backed by more than a dozen nations in Africa and Latin America, urged developed countries at UN climate talks in Bonn Thursday to cut greenhouse emissions by "at least 45 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020."

"The scientific findings about climate change are frightening," M.J. Mace, a legal adviser to the Federated States of Micronesia who presented the demands at the meeting, told Reuters.

A group of leading researchers last month projected a quickening pace of sea level rise this century, of about a metre, or roughly double the projections by the UN Climate Panel in 2007.

The small islands had called at a UN climate meeting in Poznan, Poland, in December 2008 for cuts of "more than 40 per cent" in industrialized nations' emissions by 2020.

"Why would small island states be happy with a level of ambition that is going to destroy their countries?" Mace said. The highest points of some Pacific, Caribbean or Indian Ocean states are only a few metres above sea level.

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Disney buys Kaboose websites for $18.4 million
Disney boosted its ability to attract Internet-surfing parents of small children by purchasing the U.S. assets of Canadian company Kaboose, paying about $18.4 million for sites like Kaboose.com, Babyzone.com, AmazingMoms.com, Funschool.com, Zeeks.com and ParentZone.com. REUTERS

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Global stocks surge

Investors see G20 moves reviving economies

Global stocks and oil surged Thursday on optimism over efforts by world leaders meeting in London to revive global growth.

Toronto's main stock index shot to its highest close in nearly three months.

News out of the G20, which included a trillion-dollar deal to help combat the global financial crisis, sparked a surge in oil prices and opened the door for the resource-heavy TSX to record its third straight day of gains, closing up 131.32 points at 9,073.14.

Oil prices rocketed up more than eight per cent above $52 US a barrel on hopes that demand will rebound.

U.S. stocks rallied for a third day. The Dow is now on track for its best four-week rally since 1933.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 216.48 points to 7,978.08.

The Nasdaq Composite Index rose 51.03 points to 1,602.63.

The upbeat tone at the G20 summit boosted investors' risk appetite by raising hopes that a co-ordinated effort would reverse the shrinking of the global economy for the first time since the Second World War.

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Market impacts

- Gold ended lower Thursday, falling below $900 US an ounce due to renewed talk of gold sales by the International Monetary Fund and reduced safe-haven demand as Wall Street rallied.
- Japan's Nikkei average hit a three-month high Friday after more data raised hopes the U.S. economic downturn is moderating, with exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp gaining on a weaker yen.
- Industrial, technology and consumer discretionary stocks were the biggest gainers in the U.S. after government data showed factory orders rose in February for the first time in seven months, adding to positive economic news earlier in the week.

Moss Model store opening

LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS

Model Kate Moss poses with British retailer Sir Philip Green at the opening of the first Topshop and Topman clothing store in New York Thursday. Britain's trendy mass-market fashion retailer could eventually have about 15 stores in the United States, said its billionaire owner Green.

Business in brief

AEROSPACE Bombardier Inc. reported a better-than-expected quarterly profit Thursday, but said it would cut another 3,000 jobs and scale back production of its business jets this year due to dwindling orders. The job cuts will take place at facilities in Canada, the United States, Mexico and Northern Ireland by the end of 2009, it said.

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Lucas undergoes cancer surgery
Portland Trail Blazers assistant coach Maurice Lucas has undergone surgery for bladder cancer. The team said he had surgery on Tuesday and will be away six-to-eight weeks recovering. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"It's always been in the middle of the pack. Had I been with the Yankees or the Dodgers, I think it would have been No. 1."

Former Blue Jays slugger Joe Carter, on how his championship-winning home run in Game 6 of the 1993 World Series never appears atop U.S. lists of baseball moments. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks lose in shootout

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Ducks 6 Canucks 5 (SO)

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THE SKINNY: Corey Perry scored the shootout winner and Jonas Hiller stopped all three Vancouver shooters as the Ducks won for the ninth time in 11 games. Five different Canucks tallied in regulation after a wild affair that saw ten goals scored in the first 37 minutes. The Canucks did clinch a playoff spot by picking up a single point in the loss.

THE CALENDAR: Vancouver's 11-game home winning streak is over. The Canucks won every home game in February and March, but have not won a single contest at the Garage in either January or April, though the month is still young.

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Vancouver Canuck Steve Bernier almost goes into the Canucks bench after a hit during the second period against the Anaheim Ducks in Vancouver Thursday night. The Ducks won 6-5 in a shootout, but the Canucks clinched a playoff spot by picking up a point.

THE CATCH OF THE DAY: After Daniel Sedin's power-play goal gave the Canucks a 4-2 lead in the second period, a fan tossed a decent-sized salmon on the ice to celebrate.

THE SCRAPS: It's been a while since there were three fights in the same game at GM Place. Darcy Hordichuk and George Parros started things off, Rick Rypien outduked Sheldon Brookbank, and Shane O'Brien squared off with former Canuck Mike Brown.

THE RATING: Lots of goals and fights, but a number of the goals were sloppy. 4 out of 5 stars.

THE NEXT GAME: It's back on the road as the Canucks head to Edmonton for their final meeting of the season with the Oilers.

Cutler gets wish, traded to Bears

NFL The Denver Broncos have traded disgruntled quarterback Jay Cutler to the Chicago Bears. ESPN said the Broncos would receive two first-round draft picks, including this year's eighth selection, a third-rounder and quarterback Kyle Orton for Cutler and a fifth-round draft pick this year. Cutler had asked for a trade last month after his relationship with new coach Josh McDaniels soured.

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Chicago	93
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Nashville	84
Edmonton	81
Minnesota	81
Dallas	78
Phoenix	75
Los Angeles	73
Colorado	64

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Mariners get makeover as familiar face returns

Seattle Mariners
2009 **Preview**

The Seattle Mariners will have a new look in 2009. Well, kind of.

Don Wakamatsu begins his first year in the dugout, inheriting a team that lost 101 games in 2008. However, general manager Jack Zduriencik continued to make wholesale changes this off-season, as he dealt closer J.J. Putz and let outfielder Raul Ibanez leave as a free agent.

Before the end of last season, Zduriencik had rid the team of first baseman Richie Sexson and designated hitter Jose Vidro.

So, Wakamatsu will have four new starters in a lineup that produced only 671 runs a year ago. Only four players hit 10 or more home runs for the Mariners last season and two of them were Sexson and Ibanez.

But one of the new faces is not that unfamiliar to fans who frequent Safeco Field, as Ken Griffey Jr. returns. An 11-time all-star, Griffey spent the first 11 years of his 20-year career in Seattle, finishing in the top 10 in the MVP voting in seven of his years with the Mariners.

Griffey, though, is not the player he was when he left in 1999. Last year, he recorded a career-low .249 batting average, with 18 homers and 71 RBIs in 143 games with the Cincinnati Reds and Chicago White Sox.

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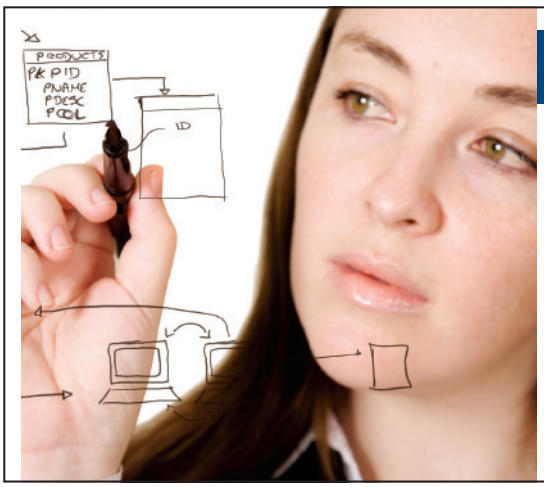

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A child star is born

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According to Billy Ray Cyrus, there would be no Hannah Montana without Canada. While watching a theatre show in Toronto, Miley Cyrus leaned over to her father and said, "This is what I want to do." Years later, Hannah Montana: The Movie is born.

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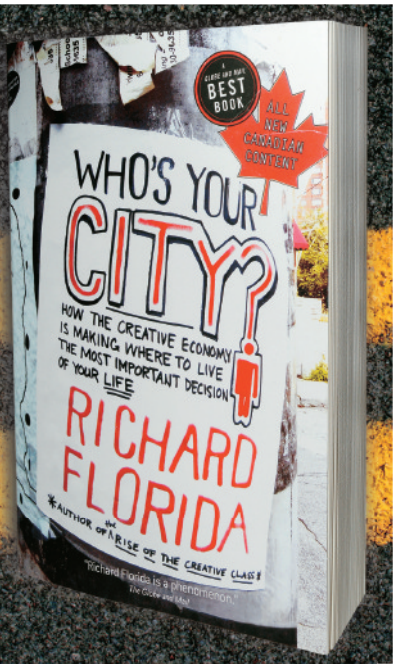
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Miley compared to Judy Garland

Hannah Montana: The Movie director Peter Chelsom has compared Miley Cyrus to screen legend Judy Garland. The director claims he was "blown away" the first time he saw the teen superstar. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Movies

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Hannah's Canada connection

Dad says Toronto stint fuelled Miley's showbiz dreams

Movie feature

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Billy Ray Cyrus and Miley Cyrus in Hannah Montana: The Movie.

According to Billy Ray Cyrus, there would be no Hannah Montana without Canada.

"That's the reason we're all here," said the musician-turned-actor about the success of his daughter Miley and her hit TV series-turned-movie, Hannah Montana — in theatres next Friday. "If it weren't for our Toronto, Canada, roots, I don't think any of this would be going on right now."

Cyrus spent four years in Toronto shooting Doc, a television drama. It was where young Miley would get a feel for the film set and where she, during a production of Mamma Mia at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, revealed her showbiz intentions to her dad.

"I specifically remember Miley leaning over to me, (and saying), 'This is what I want to do,'" said Cyrus. "She started taking classes the next week."

Since then, Miley has become a huge star with hit albums, movies and even a bestselling memoir. The incredible success may be a baffling phenomenon to anyone out of adolescence, but it can surely be attributed to the popularity of Hannah Montana.

"One of the realisms about the film and the magic of Hannah Montana is that Miley is undeniably the one and only Miley — that's just who she is," said Cyrus, who also plays her proud papa on screen.

"Part of what's going on with the phenomenon of Hannah Montana, and particularly this movie, is there's a realism that every kid can relate to."

The story of a quiet country girl who leads a double-life as a crowd-chased pop sensation, Hannah Montana also cuts dangerously close to the truth. Cyrus recalls having to move houses when fans began showing up asking for Hannah.

"It was a really crazy, crazy time period," admits Cyrus, before pointing out its similarities to his own skyrocket to stardom in the '90s with the overnight hit, Achy Breaky Heart.

"That was an incredible run of momentum and I felt that same momentum coming with Hannah Montana; although at this stage of the game, it feels like this has been four years building.

"I think I'm going to be fortunate enough to get to do it twice."

It's big, it's loud, it's Fast

Fast & Furious

Director: Justin Lin
Stars: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Vin Diesel as Dominick Torretto

REVIEW Fast & Furious opens up with an absolutely spectacular (and spectacularly dumb) bit of pre-credits action outrage featuring a failed oil tanker hijacking that climaxes with Vin Diesel gunning it into the side of a spiralling, flaming rig.

And that's really all you need to know about this sequel, the fourth in the long-running and popular franchise: It's big, it's loud, it fetishizes its hulking, turtle-faced star and is loaded with revving motors and sleek, sexy chrome.

Diesel reprises the role he essayed in the first instalment, 2001's The Fast and the Furious, of Dominick Torretto, the car-racing criminal warrior who lives by a samurai-esque code of the road.

Paul Walker, whose screen presence equates that of a blue-eyed plank of wood, also returns as the undercover FBI agent sworn to bring down the car-crushing criminals that freely maraud through the streets of L.A.

These two former antagonists are thrust together again to track down the Mexican drug lord responsible for the death of Torretto's girlfriend Letty (Michelle Rodriguez, also returning ... briefly).

Fast & Furious is a fun, straight-up, straight-faced genre flick that, most importantly, fully understands its audience.

Pitt, Inglourious Basterds up for Cannes

Brad Pitt is going to Cannes — and means to win. The star's Second World War action film, the intentionally misspelled Inglourious Basterds, has been invited to the Cannes Film Festival from May 13-24, along with the film's director, Variety reports. PEOPLE.COM

Movies

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Gomorrah compelling

Gomorrah
Director: Matteo Garrone
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Gomorrah simmers slowly but results in a more flavourful stew than if it had simply boiled over like so many lesser mob movies.

The film traces the everyday lives of Naples' Camorra crime syndicate, an outfit thought to be much larger than the famed Mafia of Sicily. Rather than glamourize or pronounce judgment on the Camorra, the film instead weaves together five separate but related stories and let viewers come to their own conclusions.

In Gomorrah no one is innocent, although it's hard to hold it against them as the bleak economic reality makes crime the only thing that seems to pay. In one narrative, a young boy must sell out a loved one to secure a future with the gang; in another, a master counterfeiter risks everything for a lucrative, covert gig helping a rival mafia.

The fly-on-the-wall narrative director Matteo Garrone establishes with use of a hand-held camera gives the story a gritty realism devoid of the caricatured machismo so many mob movies fall back on when they have nothing to say.

Everything is stripped and desolate, from concrete slum-jungles to abandoned gas stations. Real mob life, apparently, is no picnic of luxury cars and Versace suits.

Despite the movie's quality however, it's not without some serious flaws. It's overlong, possibly by 30 minutes or more, and the five-part story tends to be disjointed, messy pastiche.

Ultimately, the first principle of storytelling is to mostly show, not tell. While Gomorrah could stand to tell a little more, what it does show is certainly compelling.

Adventureland's got heart

Adventureland
Director: Greg Mottola
Stars: Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If, like me, you had a crappy summer job in the 1980s, Adventureland will probably touch a place in your heart. Written and directed by Greg Mottola (Superbad), this comedy follows James (Jesse Eisenberg), an aspiring scholar who is forced into working away his vacation to earn his tuition.

Unable to land anything of prominence, he reluctantly takes a gig at Adventureland, a worn-out amusement park that specializes in fetid corn dogs, fixed games, the endless sound of Falco's Rock Me Amadeus and a bunch of summer slackers "doing the work of pathetic, lazy morons."

Among them is cute Em (Twilight's Kristen Stewart), the arcade girl that James tragically falls for — she's embroiled in a secret affair with the park's fix-it-guy (Ryan Reynolds), after all.

Although Adventureland is being pitched on Mottola's Superbad cred, this semi-autobiographical film is a much softer, more nostalgic love story set in the skids of Pennsylvania.

Sure, the script doesn't have the comedic gusto of his previous hit, but Mottola makes up for a more contemplative story by providing plenty of heart to characters clinging onto the final moments of immaturity.

Highlighted by clever, nuanced performances and a killer soundtrack that includes everyone from Crowded House to Hüsker Dü, Mottola captures — with the essence of hindsight — what it means to come of age in 1987.

And to think, he didn't even have to use a Milli Vanilli reference.

On the web

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Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart star in Adventureland.

Seth Rogen plays a loose-cannon, bipolar, crusading mall security guard in Observe and Report.

Rogen courts danger

Movie **profile**

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FEATURE Having spent the last few years cultivating a lucrative career playing the loveable stoner, Seth Rogen tries for something a bit different in his latest film, Observe and Report.

Rogen plays Ronnie Barnhardt, a loose-cannon, bipolar security guard obsessed with protecting his mall patrons and, by extension, society as a whole. Ronnie launches a crusade to bring a serial flasher to justice that puts him at odds with a local police detective, played by Ray Liotta.

But while Ronnie takes his pursuit of justice almost too seriously, Rogen didn't approach the film as a drama.

"In my head it was all very funny," he says. "The more serious and crazy it was, the funnier I thought it was after the take."

But he did pack on the pounds to prepare for the part. "It seemed like it would be funny, the bigger Ronnie was, the less physically capable he looked. Because the joke is, he actually is pretty dangerous," said Rogen, who has since slimmed down for The Green Hornet.

"There was a conscious decision to make this film kind of dangerous and edgy," explains writer/director Jody Hill. "There've been a lot of 'safe' comedies, where everything's a wink to the camera. I thought if you could root it in reality and then still have these crazy things go on, that it would have more impact."

Of course, the filmmaker has had to contend with the success of that other movie about a mall security guard, Paul Blart: Mall Cop, which debuted in January.

"I didn't know about it until right before production," says Hill.

But as far as Hill is concerned, the similarities end at their shared profession. "Rather than a broad comedy, we wanted to make a sort of character piece that you would see in the '70s," Hill says. "We were focusing more on movies like Taxi Driver and The King of Comedy."

There's a major disturbance in the force.
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Keira sends outs anti-violence message

Two months after news broke of the alleged violence between Rihanna and Chris Brown, a PSA about domestic violence starring Keira Knightley is set to debut in theatres. The two-minute clip, depicts Knightley being violently beaten by a man. PEOPLE.COM

Movies

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Fanboys follows the actions of a group of Star Wars obsessed twentysomethings.

The Force is with Fanboys, somewhat

Fanboys
Director: Kyle Newman
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Kristen Bell, Seth Rogen
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Appearing on screen after reshoots and a prolonged battle between the filmmakers and the studio, audiences finally get a peek at Fanboys this week.

The Internet hype caused by the controversy has probably built up this small and sweet movie far too much amongst Internet geeks.

Normally this wouldn't be a problem as they make up only a fraction of an average movie audience (hence the disappointing box office for Snakes On A Plane), but in this case they are the primary audience.

Fanboys was made by fanboys for fanboys. It's just a shame that the core audience will probably expect too much.

Fanboys follows a group of Star Wars obsessed twentysomethings who try to steal an early print of The Phantom Menace before it's released.

In the original cut of the film they did it because one friend had cancer and wouldn't live until the release date. In the re-edit they did it because they were drunk and it totally sounded like a good idea.

The final version is a mix of the two and the muddled tone and plot caused by jamming together the two versions is a glaring flaw. With a solid emotional core and clear plot thread this could have been a geeky comedy classic.

As it stands the movie is a bit of a mess … but a fun one.

Star Wars fans are treated to endless references to the series, cameos from Carrie Fisher and Billy Dee Williams, hysterical Trekkie bashing, and a welcoming tone that teaches us that you can know what Tauntaun is and still be a relatively normal person.

Comedy fans get 90-minutes of laughs and no less than three roles from Seth Rogen. Overall, Fanboys is a lovable and hilarious ode to all things geeky.

It might not live up to the hype or prove to be totally coherent, but the force is still somewhat with this one.

Elegant, simple Pool a refreshing watch

The Pool
Director: Chris Smith
Stars: Venkatesh Chaven, Nana Patekar
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW After wallowing in an endless miasma of elephantine, over-plotted, big budget blockbuster brain drainers it's a genuine pleasure to stumble across a film like The Pool.

Elegant, simple and sharply observed, the picture is the sort of gentle, bittersweet character drama that's come to be dubbed Neo-realist by those in the know; low budget, quasi-documentary movies that enlighten us by telling stories about regular, working class people trying to keep their heads above water in difficult situations.

In the case of the Goa-set picture The Pool, however, our protagonist is actually striving to submerge himself in water. Awkward Vankatesh (newcomer Venkatesh Chaven) spends his days working in a Panjim hotel and, along with his orphaned friend Jhangir, selling plastic shopping bags in the local market.

One day, the two friends spot a wealthy family's luxurious pool through the trees. So smitten with this chlorinated mirage, Vankatesh vows to swim in it no matter what the cost.

As he slowly insinuates himself into the family, first as a groundskeeper and then as a sort of surrogate son to the father, his humble dreams become more and more obscured and his fortunes change.

Not exactly a synopsis that quickens the pulse, but that's the poetry of The Pool.

It's not burdened by twists and turns or gimmicky devices, rather director Chris Smith simply sits back and lets his camera study his characters behaving in their natural environments.

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Film fanboys: The saga continues

I first became aware of fanboys when the hoopla surrounding the release of the original Star Wars hit the six o'clock news. The idea of fandom wasn't new to me but the level of obsession was.

I saw footage of people lined up outside theatres; camping in tents to be the first ones through the doors on opening day and it seemed like every fan with an old toilet roll or two had made a light saber replica of Darth Vader's helmet.

Those Star Wars supporters opened my eyes to the level of radical fanboy behaviour later described as "mindless paroxysms of adoration" in the pages of Fandom Confidential.

Although the term "fanboy" wasn't officially recognized by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary until last year, a group of fanboys (and girls) have wielded considerable power in Hollywood for the past decade.

King Fanboy, Harry Knowles of the Ain't It Cool website, went from obscurity to Entertainment Weekly's "101 Most Powerful People in Hollywood" list and fanboy opinion on the Internet actually brought about changes to the script of Snakes on a Plane. With that kind of power, it isn't surprising that these film fans have become film subjects.

Fanboys, a new movie about four childhood friends who break into George Lucas's ranch to get a first look at The Phantom Menace, is just the tip of the iceberg.

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The most famous fanboy movie is 1999's Trekkies, a documentary focusing on Star Trek subculture. Narrated by Denise (Tasha Yar) Crosby, it introduces us to extreme enthusiasts like the dentist whose Star Base Dental office is modeled after a starship and Barbara Adams who showed up to serve on the Whitewater jury dressed in a Starfleet uniform.

"I am an officer in the Federation universe 24 hours a day," she says.

On a different note is We Are Wizards, an upbeat exploration into the cult of Harry Potter, specifically the genre of wizard rock tribute bands who play Potter-inspired power pop. Bands Harry and the Potters and The Hungarian Horntails bang out songs like Wizard Rock Heart Throb and I'm a Dragon and I Don't Care, and while the music is often more passionate than good, the film offers up an interesting glimpse into a little known subculture.

There are many other crazed fan movies — The Dungeon Masters profiles Dungeons and Dragons fanatics; there's the self-explanatory The Achievers: The Story Of The Lebowski Fans and Cinemania about a community of fervent film aficionados — but the one thing they all have in common is the passion of fans who have found a way to most enjoy being a fan and become involved with the object of their obsession.

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Dodgeball director tries different game

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Making a second film is always difficult. When your first film is a surprise $100 million comedy hit, coming up with that second movie can be even harder.

Writer/director Rawson Marshall Thurber had only a handful a short films — including the Internet hit Terry Tate, Office Linebacker — to his name before making the surprisingly hilarious Dodgeball in 2004. Despite the success, Thurber wasn't completely sure how to follow it up.

"I have friends who make a big comedy that does well and then they go do another big comedy that does well and that's all they get to do forever," Thurber said. "That's how writers, actors, and directors get categorized and I didn't want to be a part of that."

His solution was an unexpected one. Rather than dive back into the studio system, Thurber decided to dip his toes in the world of independent film with an adaptation of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon's debut novel The Mysteries Of Pittsburgh.

"After I experienced what it was like to write and direct a film for the first time, I realized how much that takes out of you," said Thurber. "There were a few opportunities to do other similar comedies. But at that point I knew how much you needed to love something to make a film. There was only one thing that I loved that much and it was Mysteries Of Pittsburgh."

GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO

The Mysteries of Pittsburgh director Rawson Marshall Thurber, left, poses with the stars of the film — Mena Suvari and Jon Foster.

Movie **feature**

The director met up with Chabon and told him his take on the material. According to Thurber, "I said, 'My take is pretty radical and it's as much amputation and alteration as it is adaptation. But if you have any interest I'll happily write up a six page treatment and send it your way.'

"He agreed so I wrote it up and sent it off. It was a nerve-wracking experience to write something and send it to a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. But, he read it and said, 'It's great. Let's do it.' I just about fell out of my chair."

As Thurber had warned Chabon, he made pretty significant changes to the novel to shrink it down to a feature length screenplay. His decisions might irritate purist fans of the book.

But as Thurber is the first to admit, he was never trying to destroy the novel, it is just a necessary part of the adaptation process.

"I was kind of nervous about that at first because it's a book I love and an author who I adore. But at a certain point I realized that the movie is the movie and the book is the book. No matter what the movie is, it won't change what Michael Chabon wrote. The book that I love will always exist."

Whether or not fans of the novel will agree remains to be seen, but at least Thurber can be proud that he made a movie that is drastically different than his debut without embarrassing himself.

Golden Globes ditch time delay

AWARDS The Golden Globes will air live across the United States for the first time next year, meaning viewers on the west coast won't have to wait three hours to see what Hollywood stars wore to the annual awards bash.

In a statement issued on Thursday, event organizer the Hollywood Foreign Press Association acknowledged that the time delay was a quaint vestige of a simpler time.

"In this age when news is disseminated with increasing rapidity, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association is delighted to announce that this year's Golden Globe Awards telecast will be aired live nationwide," said president Jorge Camara. The 67th annual installment of the Golden Globes will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m., and broadcast in the United States on NBC. Nominations will be announced on Dec. 15.

The Golden Globe Awards annually are one of Hollywood's most-watched awards shows where the stars turn out in their finest gowns and tuxedos to parade up the red carpet and where awards are given for best films, TV shows and performances.

The Oscars, the world's top film honors handed out by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, also air live across the United States.

But music industry's Grammys and television's Emmys still adhere to three-hour time delays. Officials at both organizations did not immediately offer reactions to the Golden Globe announcement.

The Golden Globes are produced by Dick Clark Prods., which also puts on the American Music Awards and the Academy of Country Music Awards. Company president Orly Adelson said there were no plans to air the music shows live nationally because the emphasis is on performances rather than who actually wins. REUTERS

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4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 7-8:55 Sat 12:30-2:30-4:30-7-8:55 Sun 12:30-2:30-4:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

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2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

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Gomorrah (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:20-9:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 7:30 Sat 1-3 Sun-Thu 1-3-7:30
Projecting Change Film Festival (STC) Fri 4-7-9:15 Sat 10-12-2:30-5-7-9:15 Sun 1-4-7
The Reader (18A) Fri 4:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 6:50-9:20 Mon-Tue 4:15-9:20 Wed-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:10 Sat 4:30-7:10-9:35 Sun 1:30-4:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:35

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1-4:25-8 Mon-Thu 8
Doubt (G) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 7:05-9:35 Sat 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:35 Sun 1:15-9:35 Mon-Tue 6:05-8:35 Wed Thu 6:05-8:35
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:45
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:30
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:15-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:20
WWE: Wrestlemania 25 2009 (STC) Sun 5

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
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The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
Doubt (G) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Sat-Sun 1:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Duplicity (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:50-9:50 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:50 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5-8
Fast & Furious (14A) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:40 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) DTS Digital, No Passes Fri 6:40-9:30 DTS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 DTS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 5:15-8:15

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
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Ashes of Time Redux (14A) Wed 7:30-9:20
La Dolce Vita (STC) Thu 7
The Red and the White (STC) Sun 7:30
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Silence and Cry (STC) Mon 7:30
Trial of Joan of Arc (STC) Fri 7:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Shall We Kiss? (PG) A.M. Sun 10
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIDGE THEATRE
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The Pool (PG) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

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Army of Darkness (STC) Fri 12
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Easy Rider (STC) Sat 12
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Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 6:15-8:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:15-8:15 Mon-Thu 6:15-8:15

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
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Adventureland (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:20-10:20
Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 Mon 12:30-3:30-9:50 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50
Fast & Furious (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:30-3:40-4:30-6:50-7:40-9:40-10:30
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-10 Mon 1:20-4:10-10 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10
Knowing (14A) Fri 12:50-4-7:15-10:15 Sat 4-7:15-10:15 Sun 12:50-4-7:15-10:15 Mon 12:50-7:15-10:15 Tue-Thu 12:50-4-7:15-10:15
Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor Encore (STC) Sat 10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:12:20-2:20-2:40-4:40-5:05-7:7:30-9:30-10:05
The Tragically Hip: We Are the Same - One Night Only, LIVE in HD (STC) Mon 4-7
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30-10:10

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

12 Rounds (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:05
Before Tomorrow (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:35-9:55
Che (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:30
Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-7-9:30
Fanboys (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:40-4:50-7:20-9:35
The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:45-5:05-7:45-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:20
The International (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-9:50
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 7:50-10:30
Nightwatching (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:05-10:15
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:55-10:25
Taken (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3-5:20-7:40-10

VANCITY THEATRE
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father (STC) Wed-Thu 6:30-8:15
High and Low (STC) Tue 7
Know Your Mushrooms (STC) Fri-Mon 7-8:30

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25

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Watchmen (18A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:30-8 Mon-Thu 8

PARK & TILFORD
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I Love You, Man (14A) Fri 4:25-6:55-9:30 Sat 1-4:25-6:55-9:30 Sun 1-4:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55
Knowing (14A) Fri 4:15-7:9:45 Sat 1:05-4:15-7:9:45 Sun 1:05-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
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Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 4:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:20

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
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12 Rounds (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-10:10
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Duplicity (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-7:05-10:05
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The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-7:45-10:35
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 6:55-10
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:40-10:25
Knowing (14A) Fri-Wed 12:10-3:55-7:30-10:30 Thu 3:55-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sat 1:05-4:45-7:50-10:45 Sun-Mon 1:05-7:50-10:45 Tue-Thu 1:05-4:45-7:50-10:45
Metropolitan Opera: Lucia di Lammermoor Encore (STC) Sat 10
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:9:45
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:35-10:20
Monsters vs. Aliens: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:45
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:35-7:20-9:55
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The Tragically Hip: We Are the Same - One Night Only, LIVE in HD (STC) Mon 4-7
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:10-7:55
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4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

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Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 6:30-8:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:30-4:30-6:30-8:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:30

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4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

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Duplicity (PG) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:55-7:20-10:10 Sun 12:20-3:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:55-7:20-10:10
Fast & Furious (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-10:25 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:3:30-6:50-9:40
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STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

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He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:55 Sat 1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55 Sun 1:40-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat 1:50-5-7:30-10 Sun 1:50-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri 4:50-7:10-9:35 Sat 1:45-4:50-7:10-9:35 Sun 1:45-4:50-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:35-7:20-9:50 Sat 1:35-4:35-7:20-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri 4:40-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse St., 604-523-2911

12 Rounds (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:35
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Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Sat 1:20-4 Sun 1:20 Mon-Thu 1:20-4
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One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 10:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40-10:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:35
Taken (14A) Fri 1:35-4:40-7:55-10:40 Sat 4:40-7:55-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:35-4:40-7:55-10:40
The Tragically Hip: We Are the Same - One Night Only, LIVE in HD (STC) Mon 4-7
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-4:35-9:40
WWE: Wrestlemania 25 (STC) Sun 4

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

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5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Coraline (PG) Fri 4:30-6:35 Sat-Sun 12-4:30-6:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:35
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Sun 2:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:30-6:45 Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:45
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Sat-Sun 2:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 6:40-9:05 Sat-Sun 12-6:40-9:05 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:05
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 8:35

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12 Rounds (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:50-9:25
8x10 Tasveer (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:50
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The Haunting in Connecticut (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:45
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:35-7:25-10 Mon 1:05-4:35-10 Tue-Thu 1:05-4:35-7:25-10
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:25-8
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:15-7:10-10:05 Sun 1:25-4:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:10-10:05
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Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:7:15-9:40
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Tue 1:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1:35
The Tragically Hip: We Are the Same - One Night Only, LIVE in HD (STC) Mon 7
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Adventureland (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:25-10:05
Duplicity (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:50
Ek - The Power of One (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Sun 1:05-4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Tue-Thu 1:05-4:25-7:45
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Knowing (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05-10
The Last House on the Left (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:20
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Wed 2-4:30-7:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 4:30-7:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1
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Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Stone of Destiny (PG) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:05

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Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:30
Monsters vs. Aliens (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9
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Music

Thunderheist hits the road

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

One can't help but feel like Thunderheist's music appearing in last year's critically acclaimed movie The Wrestler was destined to happen.

After all, the Toronto-based electro-rap duo's producer Grahm Zilla is the son of Olympic wrestler Gord Bertie.

"I was actually conceived in the Olympic village," Grahm reveals, shortly before Thunderheist's Exclaim Canadian Tour, which takes them across the country between April 2nd and May 2nd.

That piece of family trivia probably added further resonance to the moment he heard Jerk It, his group's biggest single, bumping in glorious Dolby digital sound during The Wrestler's credits.

At first Grahm wasn't interested in the film, writing it off as "just some B-movie" when he heard Mickey Rourke was involved.

Thunderheist's self-titled debut includes the single Jerk It, which was featured in the Mickey Rourke film The Wrestler.

"It premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, and I was there at the time. But I didn't go see the movie," he says. "I don't know what's wrong with me.

"But when everybody started talking about it and I heard there was all this Oscar buzz, then I got excited. But actually seeing the movie, about half-an-hour in I was shaking, like 'Oh my god, I can't believe my song is in this movie.'

"That was probably the highlight of my musical career to date," he says.

Another highlight, then, must be when celebrity blogger Perez Hilton posted Jerk It on his website in 2007.

"Our Myspace got like 30,000 hits in a couple hours," says Grahm. "I only realized the magnitude of his readership when I'm getting emails about it from my great-aunt."

From there, Jerk It spread wildfire-like through the Internet, prompting a number of new fans to produce videos for the track. Seeing multiple versions of the track on YouTube was yet another surreal moment for Grahm and Thunderheist's MC, Isis.

"I can't believe it's at that point where random people are making videos for our songs," he says.

Thunderheist's sweaty, high-energy, bass-heavy sound has evolved quite a bit since their blogospheric breakthrough.

On their self-titled debut, Grahm has further refined his production style by "trying to make it sound less mechanical and letting the music breathe more and have a more natural feel."

As for Isis, while Jerk It found her rapping in a sultry double-time flow, the MC sings on much of the album.

"Her tastes are pretty diverse so she wants to get out of the rap box," says Grahm, "and it's good because for me, I'm way more interested in writing songs than making hip-hop instrumentals."

Just don't expect to hear any of the vocal effect du jour, the robotic auto-tune sound favoured by T-Pain, Lil' Wayne and Kanye West, on any of the tracks.

"After the album was done, somebody was like, 'Oh man, you should have put auto-tune on all the songs,'" says Grahm. "I was like, 'Are you out of your mind?'"

On Tour

- Thunderheist plays The Biltmore April 25th as part of the Exclaim! Anniversary Tour; details at exclaim.ca

Author sets out to compile list of Canada's best singles

SoundCheck
Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

In 2007, Bob Mersereau, a music writer from the Maritimes, tore the music geek blogosphere asunder as he compiled a book called The Top 100 Canadian Albums.

It was an interesting exercise in cultural nation-building, the result of input from hundreds of people across the country as he tried to come up with the definitive list. Maybe you remember the accusations of regional, gender and era bias. At least it got us talking about Canadian music.

Mersereau is now looking for the top 100 Canadian singles of all time and he asked that I submit a top 10 list as part of the process.

Honestly, though, I'd procrastinated because frankly, I didn't know where to start. Complicating matters is that I'm from the world of album rock radio where the notion of "singles" didn't have any real meaning for years. And to screw things up further, I've long been part of the alt-rock scene, immersed in some of the most obscure and/or left-wing stuff this country has ever produced.

But I had to submit something. Here's what I sent:

1. At the Hundredth Meridian, Tragically Hip
2. High School Confidential, Rough Trade
3. One More Astronaut, I Mother Earth
4. Screaming Fist, The Viletones
5. Spirit of Radio, Rush
6. American Woman, Guess Who
7. Born to Be Wild, Steppenwolf
8. The Lines You Amend, Sloan
9. Echo Beach, Martha and the Muffins
10. Old Man, Neil Young

From the moment I hit the "send" button, I had regrets. Why did I pick Sloan's The Lines You Amend when I really meant Underwhelmed? What about Jane Siberry's Mimi on the Beach?

How could I have not included Sarah McLachlan, Skinny Puppy, the Barenaked Ladies, Propagandhi, Teenage Head, the Forgotten Rebels or Max Webster? What about Kim Mitchell and Go for a Soda?

Then there's Chalk Circle, BTO, Gordon Lightfoot! Baby Ran from 54-40! April Wine's not here. There's nothing from The Band on this list! Hallelujah from Leonard Cohen is missing! Is my genre bias showing by not including any hip hop? How could I leave out Life is a Highway or Big League from Tom Cochrane? And why At the Hundredth Meridian and not New Orleans is Sinking? Recall! Recall!

I hate this. I got it all wrong. I quit.

If you can do better, Mersereau says to send your list directly to him at mersereaubob@gmail.com.

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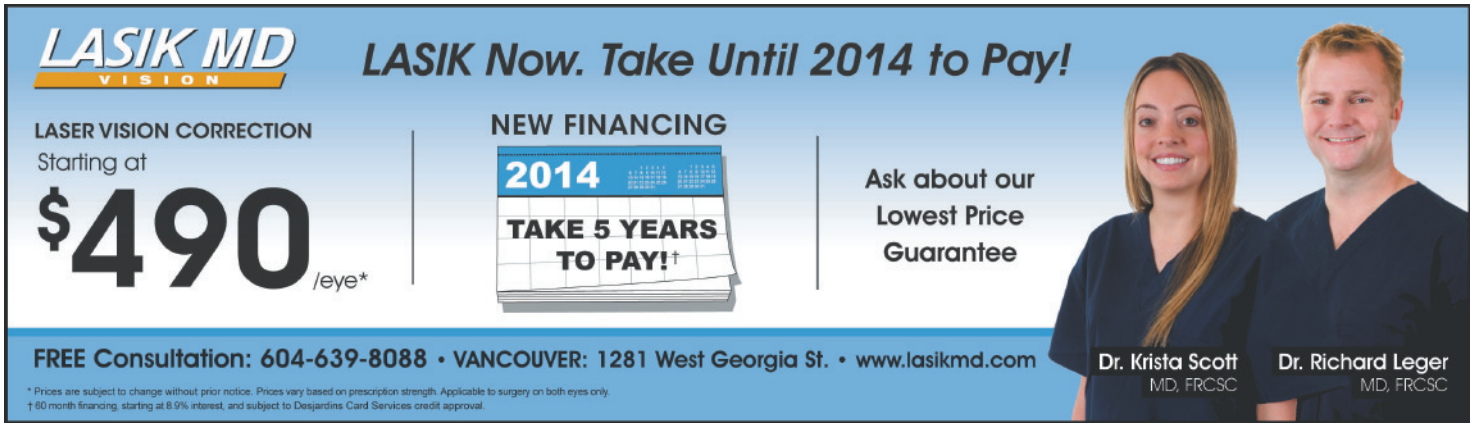
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ER ends, or does it?

Just as ER ends its run, one of its alumni has booked a meaty new gig. Mekhi Phifer, who for six seasons walked the halls of County General as Dr. Gregory Pratt, has booked a multiple-episode appointment on Fox's Lie to Me. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Kids in the Hall alumni Dave Foley will host the Genies this year.

Genies touch down

Canadian celebrities strut through Ottawa this Saturday

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

The stars will be out in Ottawa this Saturday, but audiences from all over Canada can tune in when the best in Canadian film is celebrated at the Canada Aviation Museum.

Several hundred thousand people are expected to tune into the 29th annual Genie Awards, not only to see who walked away with the hardware, but to check out the some of Canada's most recognizable celebrities who are acting as the host and presenters, said Sara Morton, CEO of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television.

"It's been a tremendous year," said Morton. "The slate of films nominated are quite diverse."

Although there's "no question that Canadian films face a challenge in terms of getting sufficient screen time," Morton said Canadian film is becoming increasingly well received.

"They reflect a Canadian sensibility and a Canadian sense of humour, and they can be moving, thought provoking and extremely entertaining," she said.

The day before the awards, celebrities and industry representatives will be arriving in Ottawa by VIA rail from Montreal and Toronto, said Morton.

What at-home viewers will see in the 90-minute time slot will include coverage of the red carpet cocktail event before the awards, where celebrities will be photographed and interviewed, followed by the awards and comedic skits.

In addition to Canadian funnyman Dave Foley, who will act as host of the 2009 awards, actors Sarah Polley and Gordon Pinsent will act as presenters.

"I'm extremely honoured to host the Genie Awards, and I'm looking forward to celebrating the achievements of my fellow Canadians in Ottawa," said Foley, a Kids in the Hall alum.

"As the host, we always seek someone who is well known, Canadian and someone who is humourous and can make it a fun evening," said Morton.

Other presenters include Éveline Gélinas (Necessities of Life), Marianne Fortier (Mommy Is at the Hairdresser's), Kevin Newman from Global National and Karine Vanasse (Polytechnique).

• The 29th annual Genie Awards will be held at the Canada Aviation Museum in Ottawa Saturday. The awards will be broadcast on Global and IFC at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

FRIDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/3/09	251	308	3 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6 JOY	E News	The Insider	Are You Smarter		Friday Night Lights (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer "Big Chills"		Flashpoint "Aisle 13" (N)		Spectacle: Elivs		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	Malcolm-Mid.	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	(:01) Dollhouse "Needs" (N)		NUMB3RS "Blowback" (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny "Manley Family"		Whistler Ethan and Jen.		News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker Steve and Jeff.		Survivorman (CC)		Out There	Out There	The List
	-	-	14 CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game (N)	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer "Big Chills"		Flashpoint "Aisle 13" (N)		NUMB3RS "Blowback" (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N) (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Mallick/Stewart"		Supernanny "Manley Family"		20/20 (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(:01) Dollhouse "Needs" (N)		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	23 NW	India Reborn (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		India Reborn (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Hockey	Canucks TV	The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	Basketball	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	23 YTV	Nickelodeon's 22nd Annual Kids' Choice Awards (N) (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN (CC)	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama		Beavis and Butt-head Do America ★★ (1996, Comedy) (CC)		
	268	354	5 KNO	In Korea with Norm Christie		Poirot "The Lost Mine" (N)		Life Begins "Maggie & Helen"		The Times of Harvey Milk ★★★ (1984)		
	575	583	20 CMT	The Linda McCartney Story ★★ (2000) George Segal, Elizabeth Mitchell.					Candid C.	The Linda McCartney Story ★★ (2000)		
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Identity" (CC)		Criminal Minds "No Way Out"		CSI: Miami "Cop Killer" (CC)		CSI: Miami "One Night Stand"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Jackie"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear (CC)		What Not
	616	522	35 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		Durham County (CC)		Testees (CC)	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	650	47 TBS	The Mask (PA)	(:45) My Boys	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:15) The Mask ★★★ (1994, Comedy) (PA) Jim Carrey. (CC)				Son of-Mask
	603	561	53 FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) Prom Wars (2008) (CC)		Snow Angels ★★★ (2007) Kate Beckinsale. Premiere. (CC)				The Nines ★★ (2007) Ryan Reynolds. (CC)		
	581	566	191 MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Play'd (CC)	The Real World "Brooklyn"		Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Made (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/4/09	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Edmonton Oilers. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6 JOY	Chef School	E News	Imaginary Playmate (2006, Suspense) Dina Meyer. (CC)				Show Yours	G-Spot (CC)	News (CC)
	250	321	9 CTV	W-FIVE (N) (CC) (DVS)		ER Gates treats a young teen with alcohol poisoning. (CC)				Law & Order "Lucky Stiff"		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Stamp Fishery		29th Annual Genie Awards (N) (CC)			Masterminds	News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now Dave Nystrom.		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries		Secret Lives (2005) Daphne Zuniga, Duncan Regehr. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14 CW	CSI: NY "Silent Night" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal "Do Tell" (CC)		CSI: NY "Obsession" (CC)		CSI: Miami
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	College Basketball		KIRO News Special (N) (CC)		Rambo III ★★ (1988, Action) Sylvester Stallone. (CC)				News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	ER Gates treats a young teen with alcohol poisoning. (CC)				Law & Order "Lucky Stiff"		News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Yours, Mine & Ours ★★ (2005) Dennis Quaid. Premiere. (CC)				Cupid "Pilot" (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two-Half Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Black in America The assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.				Newsroom		Black-America
sports	407	419	22 RSP	English Premier League Soccer: Blackburn vs. Tottenham				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		PartyPoker.net
	400	400	30 TSN	(6:30) SportsCentre (CC)		Boxing Juan Diaz vs. Juan Manuel Marquez. (Taped) (CC)				Poker		SportsCentre
family	552	543	23 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Karate Kid ★★ (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. (CC)						Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Anastasia ★★ (1997, Musical) Voices of Meg Ryan. (CC)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
	268	354	5 KNO	Life or Death in Denali (CC)		Heartbeat "One Small Step"		Midsomer Murders "Bad Tidings" (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Dierks Bentley	Reba: One,	Keith Urban: Invitation Only		CMA Music Fest 2008				Ed (CC)
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Death Grip"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Dead Zone"		CSI: Miami "Hard Time"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Royal Inquest (N)		Little People	Little People	My First Home	Deals on Bus	Royal Inquest		Table for 12
	616	522	35 SHO	Mutant X "Altered Ego" (CC)		XIII (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Val Kilmer, Stephen Dorff. (CC)				The Pursuit of Happyness ★★★ (2006) (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	Madagascar	Shrek ★★★ (2001, Comedy) (PA) Voices of Mike Myers. (CC)					(:25) The Pink Panther ★★ (2006) (PA) Steve Martin. (CC)		
	603	561	53 FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:30) The Clique (2008)		Baby Mama ★★ (2008) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler. Premiere.				(9:50) The Brothers Solomon ★ (2007) (CC)		
	581	566	191 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	The Hills-Lnch

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4/5/09	251	308	3 CBC	Cirque du Soleil: Kooza (CC)				Diamonds (2009) (Part 1 of 2) James Purefoy. Premiere. (CC)				News (CC)
	255	358	6 JOY	Kate Hudson: Hollywood		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (CC)
	250	321	9 CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	Playing for Keeps (2009) Jennifer Finnigan. Premiere.				The Mentalist (N) (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Brothers & Sisters (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12 VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl "The Grandfather"		Cold Case (CC)		Medium "All in the Family" (N)		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings "Insurrection" (N) (CC)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (CC) (DVS)		Cinecity
	-	-	14 CW	Jericho "Casus Belli" (CC)		Rocky III ★★★ (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
primetime	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The 44th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards (Same-day Tape) (CC)						News (N)
	287	379	16 NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		Kings "Insurrection" (N) (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (CC)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23 FOX	American Dad	King of Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Simpsons	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	23 NW	Saving Luna (2007, Documentary) (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Saving Luna (2007, Documentary) (CC)		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Black in America The assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.				Newsroom		Black-America
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Fight Night
	400	400	30 TSN	NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at Vancouver Canucks. (Live) (CC)					SportsCentre	UEFA Weekly	Motoring 2009	SportsCentre
family	552	543	23 YTV	(6:00) Air Buddies (2006) (CC)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Auto Racing"		Adrenaline	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN (CC)	Futurama (N)	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
	268	354	5 KNO	Nat. Geo. Ultimate Explorer		Inspector Morse: Service of All the Dead ★★ (1982) (CC)				Life Begins "Maggie & Helen"		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Top 20 Steamiest Video		The Witches of Eastwick ★★★ (1987, Fantasy) Jack Nicholson, Cher.					Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	The Sopranos (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "Chain Reaction"		CSI: Miami (CC)		The Sopranos
	521	560	34 TLC	I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant		I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant		I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant		I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant		Pregnancy
	616	522	35 SHO	The Guard (CC)		XIII (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Val Kilmer, Stephen Dorff. (CC)				Damages (N) (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47 TBS	(6:45) Madagascar ★★★ (2005) Chris Rock		The Goonies ★★ (1985) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. (CC)					Zathura ★★★ (2005) (CC)	
	603	561	53 FN	The Next Iron Chef (CC)		At the Table	At the Table	Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Next Iron Chef
	320	621	30 CEN	Made of Honor ★★ (2008) Patrick Dempsey.		(:45) The Heartbreak Kid ★★ (2007) Ben Stiller. (CC)					(:40) Into the Wild ★★★ (CC)	
	581	566	191 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	The Hills-Lnch	Play'd (CC)	Made "Hockey Player" (CC)		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	The Hills-Lnch

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Nolan's Dark Knight follow-up
Christopher Nolan's follow-up to The Dark Knight is a still-under-wraps sci-fi action film called Inception, but he's lining up a rather spiffy cast: Marion Cotillard, Cillian Murphy and Ellen Page are all in talks to star. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Studies in Motion
When: Friday to April 18
Where: Vancouver Playhouse
Inspired by the life of 19th century photographer Eadweard Muybridge, who studied animal and human locomotion before the invention of cinema. Tickets: $20 student, $40 regular. Visit vancouverplayhouse.com.

Auto Show
When: Friday to Monday
Where: B.C. Place
For those who haven't gone yet, Vancouver's 89th annual auto show comes to a close this weekend, giving the late-comers one last chance to check out the automobile industry's latest. Visit vancouverinternationalautoshow.com

Midnight Double Cult Classic
When: Saturday, 11:30 p.m.
Where: Rio Theatre on Broadway
Cult-classic films Easy Rider and Electric Glide In Blue, will be playing all the way into Sunday morning.

India.Arie
When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Commodore Ballroom
Singer and poet India.Arie's message of love and healing is coming to Vancouver. Tickets: $50-75.Visit ticketsnow.com.

Canadian Makeup Show
When: Saturday & Sunday
Where: PNE Agrodome
Vancouver hosts one of the best trade shows the Canadian makeup industry has ever seen. Tickets: $30-65. Visit cmsvan.com/2009.

Projecting Change Film Festival
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Fifth Avenue Theatre
This festival promotes green and sustainable lifestyle's though the use of film. Visit projectingchange.ca.

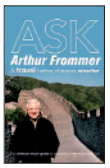
Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Karen O
ARTIST The charismatic frontwoman of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs is on a roll. Her band has just released It's Blitz, an album that's garnering rave reviews from media critics that matter. She's also scored the music for Spike Jonze's upcoming film, Where The Wild Things Are. Proof enough that when it comes to Gen Y hip-dom, she's still the reigning queen.

2 Virtual parties
TREND Crank up the media player and shake your little mouse, it's online party time. The phenomenon, in which someone creates a web forum where people can post homemade videos or present gag gifts to celebrate an occasion, is catching on fast. Apparently, several hundred birthday-related domains are registered each month at GoDaddy.com, a website that sells them for $1.99 US and up.

3 Genies
AWARDS Canadian film industry's annual bash comes to life Saturday in Ottawa with Kids in the Hall veteran Dave Foley as host. The Necessities of Life is the movie to watch out for – it has eight nominations including best picture and best director. Show airs on Global at 9 p.m. ET.

4 Ask Arthur Frommer & Travel Better, Cheaper, Smarter
BOOK With the recession upon us and summer around the corner, travel bugs can now turn to the original guru of budget tourism for a little advice. This book is packed with wallet-friendly tips (e.g. how to find the best airfares online), along with many other enthusiastic recommendations.



5 Myspace previews Neil Young
MUSIC You're never too old to get tech-savvy. Members of the online community can now stream the Canadian rock legend's upcoming album Fork in the Road before it hits stores April 7.

6 Harper's Island
TELEVISION The premise for this chilling whodunit is simple: A group of friends and family visit the titular island for a wedding only to find a maniacal killer in their midst and a rising body count. The production promises a new victim every week in the 13-episode thriller, which begins on Global April 9 at 10 p.m. ET.

7 Adventureland
FILM Superbad director Greg Mottola returns to laughs-land with the semi-autobiographical story of a college graduate's trials and tribulations in a run-of-the-mill amusement park. Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart and Ryan Reynolds star, propped by several house-of-Judd-Apatow regulars. Falco's Rock Me Amadeus underlines the soundtrack. We smell a hit.

Gaming industry gets boost

Recession has many turning to home entertainment

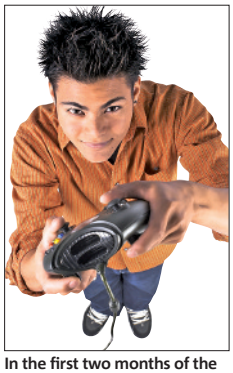
As people cut back on travel and going out, they are turning more to home entertainment, providing a boost to the video game industry that is under pressure to keep gamers amused and beat the recession.

Analyst Toon van Beeck from industry market research firm IbisWorld said video game industry revenue is set to reach $41.9 billion this year, having risen from $27.2 billion in 2004, with over 37 million consoles sold in the United States alone in 2008.

A new report from IbisWorld said the introduction of Nintendo's Wii had helped bolster the industry by changing the face of video gamers, bringing in more female players who now make up 38 per cent of the gaming demographic.

"Video game sales have been impacted the least from the global recession and there are no real signs of it slowing," said Michael Cai, vice president of video game research at Interpret.

"In order to maintain this healthy growth momentum, however, the gaming industry needs to continue providing appealing content and innovative experiences to compete for consumers' entertainment time and share of wallet."



In the first two months of the year, U.S. videogame sales rose 11 per cent.

Cai expected used games and value-priced games to take a greater share of total sales in this economic environment.

Last fall, as the effects of the economic downturn were being felt, video game sales rose internationally. In the United States alone, sales increased 19 per cent over 2007, topping $21.3 billion, according to The NPD Group.

In January and February this year, U.S. videogame sales rose 11 per cent to $2.81 billion, according to The NPD Group.

Billy Pidgeon, video game analyst at IDC, said the recession would clearly reduce consumer spending but games provided strong entertainment value and performed well as a category in a recession.

"What this means is that games will see double digit growth in North America and worldwide, but that gamers will consider purchases more carefully," said Pidgeon.

"Gaming enthusiasts will demand quality games and will not buy games that are considered second rate. The mainstream consumer will also buy fewer games but will be less savvy about quality."

REUTERS

Age of gamers
- According to the Entertainment Software Association, gamers are getting older. The average game player today is 35 years old and has been gaming for 13 years. REUTERS

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Lohan still with Ronson

When asked whether there's any truth to the breakup rumours dogging Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson these days, the 22-year-old actress answered unequivocally. "Those rumours aren't true," Lohan told E! News. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Brit's courtroom drama deepens

COURTS It seems Britney Spears' life has gone from soap opera to spy novel, people.com reports.

Sam Lutfi's younger sister Christina testified in a Los Angeles court Wednesday that she recently snuck a cellphone to the pop star at a Beverly Hills hotel — a plan allegedly hatched by Spears herself.

Spears, 27, whose phone access is strictly limited by her father Jamie, had initially called Lutfi's cellphone number in mid-January to speak with Christina.

"(Britney) told me she wanted to get a hold of Sam," said Christina, 25, whose brother had once been Spears' manager. "She wanted him to help her find a lawyer, and wanted someone to get a prepaid cellphone to her. She was scared because her father was blackmailing her with visitation rights over her kids."

Spears allegedly told Christina to meet her on the fifth floor gym of the Peninsula Hotel on Jan. 16. When Christina arrived, Spears was working out with her mother while a bodyguard stood nearby. But they met in a sauna where Christina gave her a phone, saying it was from Lutfi and ex-boyfriend Adnan Ghalib, which Spears then hid in a locker. "She asked me, 'Will Sam be able to help me?'" Christina added.

The phone, however, was later discovered by Spears' security team and confiscated from her purse.

Earlier on Wednesday, Blair Berk, a lawyer for Jamie Spears, testified that Britney "was in such fear (of Lutfi), she asked if I could get him arrested, to keep him away from her." As for a purported recording of the pop star circulating the internet in which she allegedly asks for a lawyer's help in ending her father's legal control, Berk said the singer repeatedly denied she was seeking outside legal help. Berk also expressed doubt in the recording's authenticity.

For more than a year, a probate court has ruled that Spears "lacks the capacity" to hire any lawyers on her own.

The ongoing hearing is to determine whether to extend a restraining order against Lutfi, 34, whom Spears; father alleges is harassing his daughter and is conspiring to disrupt his legal control over her life.

Lutfi's attorney, Bryan Freedman, has denied his client has committed any wrongdoing. Closing arguments in the restraining order case will be heard on April 21. Lutfi is forbidden to have contact with her until then.

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Miley can't even appease Obama

PEOPLE Apparently your dad being president is enough to get the Jonas Brothers to come play a private concert for you, but it's not enough to get a sneak peek at Hannah Montana: The Movie.

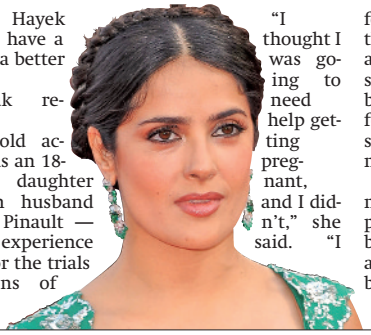
The film's star, Miley Cyrus, tells Access Hollywood that Malia and Sasha Obama wanted to get a look at her new movie before anyone else, but Cyrus said no. "They want me to send them a copy, so we will," Cyrus say. "But, like everyone else, they have to wait till April 10. Even the president."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Salma dishes on motherhood

PEOPLE Salma Hayek says waiting to have a baby made her a better mother, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 42-year-old actress — who has an 18-month-old daughter Valentina with husband Francois-Henri Pinault — thinks her life experience prepared her for the trials and tribulations of parenthood.



"I thought I was going to need help getting pregnant, and I didn't," she said. "I feel that I've done enough things in life where I can appreciate the time I spend with her as my number one priority and not feel I'm missing out on something. I feel I'm a lot more patient.

"I'm a more fulfilled human being now, and I probably wouldn't have been 10 years ago. She gets a better mother for being born now."

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Paris ditches money-grubbing BFF

PEOPLE Paris Hilton has apparently ditched her best friend forever, Brittany Flickinger, because Hilton believes she was just using her. Flickinger, who came out on top on the reality show Paris Hilton's My New BFF, was just "another one of these girls using Paris to get famous," a source tells Life and Style Weekly.

"They haven't spoken in two months. All that girl wanted was the free trips, the goodie bags, staying at Paris' mansion and the parties and clubs. She was desperate for money."

In other Hilton family news, Paris' 19-year-old brother, Barron Hilton, says he's tired of the party lifestyle. "I want to be an international singer-songwriter," he tells Page Six. "I'm sick of all the Hilton stuff, where all anyone cared about was whether I was doing coke in the bathroom."

Barron says he's also developing a reality series with Viacom documenting his attempt to launch his music career. "It's gonna be like The Hills, but real," he says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Travis, Shanna hit the skids again

RELATIONSHIPS Travis Barker and Shanna Moakler have split up — again. The couple, who reconciled a few months ago, reportedly got into such a nasty fight that the police were called, though no charges were filed.

"Travis confronted Shanna about her having an affair with Gerard Butler while he was in the hospital" recovering from the plane crash he survived late last year, a source tells Us Weekly. Moakler's rep confirmed: "They did break up, but Shanna never cheated on Travis while he was in the hospital."

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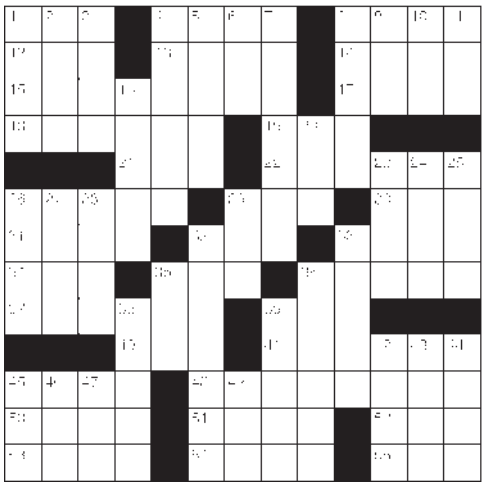

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Vacationing
4 Told a tale
8 React in pain
12 Romanian money
13 Between jobs
14 Competent
15 Stevenson's personification of good
17 Leave at the altar
18 Whine
19 E.T.'s carrier?
21 Under the weather
22 "Sex for Dummies" writer
26 Eccentric
29 Attention getter
30 Vast expanse
31 Libertine's feeling
32 Foundation
33 Minus
34 Mound stat
35 Monkey suit
36 Circumference
37 Oprah adviser
39 Wambaugh or Wapner (Abbr.)
40 Moray, for one
41 Dermatologist's case
45 Sail support
48 "A Study in Scarlet" narrator
50 Head light?
51 — and terminer
52 Expert
53 Unimprovable place
54 Money
55 Longing

Crossword down

1 Automaker Ransom Eli —
2 Spore producer
3 Honshu mountain
4 Probable
5 Pastoral opus
6 Blueprint addition
7 Tricked
8 Collegian's choice
9 Sapporo sash
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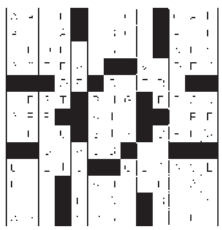

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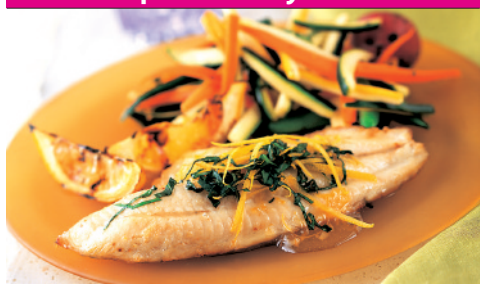

Lemon-Glazed Flounder Fillets

INGREDIENTS:
5 large lemons
6 large fresh basil leaves
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
4 flounder fillets
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper

SAUCE:
1/2 cup (125 ml) reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) cornstarch
2 tsp (10 ml) sugar

METHOD:
1. Roll 1 lemon on countertop to get juices flowing; grate zest from this lemon and squeeze juice. Cut 3 lemons into 12 1/4-in. 0.5 cm) slices. Slice remaining lemon into 8 wedges. Make basil chiffonade: stack basil leaves and roll up tightly. Slice thinly and set aside as garnish. Heat oil in small pot over medium heat. Add garlic and cook until golden, 2 minutes. Whisk in lemon juice and remove from heat.
2. Coat grill rack or broiler pan rack with non-stick cooking spray. Preheat grill or broiler to medium. Lightly brush both sides of fish with garlic mixture and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place 3 lemon slices on grill or broiler rack and put one flounder fillet on top. Repeat with remaining lemon slices and fish. Grill or broil without turning, until just opaque throughout, 6 minutes. Cook lemon wedges alongside until browned, 2 minutes per side.
3. Meanwhile, blend broth and cornstarch in cup until smooth. Whisk cornstarch mixture, sugar and 1/4 tsp (1 ml) lemon zest into remaining garlic mixture. Boil over medium-high heat and cook until sauce thickens, 1 minute.
4. Transfer fish to plates, lemon slices down. Spoon sauce over fish and sprinkle with basil chiffonade and remaining lemon zest. Garnish with grilled lemon wedges.

SERVES 4

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APRIL 21-MAY 21
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GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Sincere attention inspires fresh discussions. Someone's illness troubles you. Double check everything that you're told.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Instability and insecurity are somewhat unnerving. Superior self-discipline helps you fulfill a routine. Fresh projects begin taking shape.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Precious moments cheer you up. Bizarre events will force you to call friends. Something isn't working, but this will change.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A friend has not turned his back on you. Boredom dissipates when you discuss leadership. A manager is very exasperating.

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SEPT 23-OCT 23
Nothing is ever as bad as it seems. A corny guy will be left in the lurch. A neurotic person lets loose in public.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone lets fear keep them from talking. Be available for a cheated friend. Pay attention to warnings.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A modest man has the guts to swear an oath. Love isn't for those who are unprepared. Don't feel sorry for yourself.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Remain calm in regard to social ambitions. You'll get what you believe in. Long-repressed brilliance finally bursts out.

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JAN 21-FEB 18
What you did comes back to bless you. The temperature rises as a flirtation heats up. Infatuation gives some thrills and spills.

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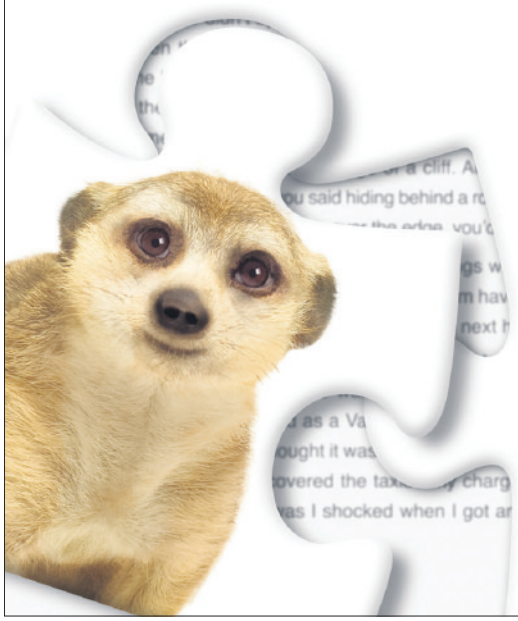

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